

Remarks

Revival and reconsideration of this Application are respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4 are cancelled. Claim 5 is amended. Support for amended claim 5 is found in original claims 1 and 5. New claims 6-14 are sought to be added. Support for new claims 6-14 is found in original claims 2 and 3, and in the Specification at page 2, lines 26-31 and at page 4, lines 4-13. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that "[c]laim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims [because] [n]one of the prior art of record teaches, discloses or suggests a free-flowing particulate detergent composition or component comprising a perfume granule comprising maltose and polybutyl methylacrylate, wherein the recited amount of particulate magnesium stearate is layered onto the surfaces of the detergent composition or component." Office Action at page 7.

In reply to the Examiner's objection to claim 5 (Office Action at page 2), Applicants have amended claim 5 to correct the spelling of "methylacrylate" and to include all of the limitations of independent claim 1. Accordingly, claim 5 is now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, the objection has been overcome, and claim 5 now includes all of the elements of the base claim. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 5 as currently presented is allowable. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicants note that new claims 6-14 depend from claim 5, and thus contain every element recited in claim 5. Hence, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 6-14 are also allowable.

The previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) were directed to claims 1-4. Cancellation of claims 1-4 renders the previous rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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